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In re Application of:)	
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Filed: September 30, 2003)	
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For: Sales Apparatus and Method of)	
Transmitting and Receiving)	
Merchandise Information by Electric)	
Field Induced in Human Body)	Attorney Docket No.: 44471/292886

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed April 7, 2008 included a statement of reasons for allowance. The reasons for allowance cite particular claim elements from Claim 7 as not taught by the prior art of record. In particular the reasons for allowance state that the "invention of the present application pertains to a button apparatus." Although Claim 7 is an apparatus claim, Claim 8 is a method claim.

To the extent that the Examiner's reasons for allowance suggest or state that certain limitations or combinations are not found in the prior art and imply that all of the

independent claims recite particular claim elements, it is noted that “the record as a whole” must be considered as a supplement to the statement of reasons for allowance, and to the extent that the record is clear and complete, it shall control the interpretation of any and all claims.

The Notice of Allowability also stated that Claims 7 and 9 are allowed. The pending claims in the application are Claims 7 and 8 and a Supplemental Notice of Allowability is requested to reflect the correct claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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